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7. Harbor Craft [redacted], much of Whampoa's tonnage is handled by lighting from anchorage into junks loaded via ship's booms, [redacted] unable to estimate the total number of junks in the area, but [redacted] there are a "great many." There is a floating crane at Whampoa, the capacity of which, [redacted] is 20 tons. [redacted] however, [redacted] the crane is new and [redacted] believes it capable of 40 tons. 25X1
8. Berth [redacted] fresh water is available at alongside berths. Cargo handling up to five tons is done by [redacted] Beyond five tons, mobile motor cranes are available. These cranes are described as "truck cranes" with "iron wheels." 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
9. Construction [redacted] believes sheds behind the first row of transit sheds in port area are not in use, but rather are still under construction. The port, [redacted] is to be expanded to accommodate six ships at a time by extending the wharf across the small inlet immediately to the east of the present alongside berths and also to the west of the present alongside berths through and a bit beyond the small T-head pier in that area. [redacted] reports that an eight-lane highway from Whampoa to Canton is under construction. Four lanes will be one-way eastward and four one-way westward. The present two-lane highway is to be incorporated into one of the four-lane highways. Between this present highway and the river, the other four-lane highway is under construction. This and the projected port addition is part of a program which [redacted] is projected to make Whampoa the leading port in southern China. 25X1
10. Naval Installations [redacted] noted a naval station on Whampoa Island. [redacted] two "LT's" were berthed there. [redacted] a 150-200' long structure under construction. [redacted] only the girders were up. Other naval installations were noted at Amung Hei and Lintin Island, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
11. Naval Vessels Two "LT's" were seen [redacted], as noted in paragraph 10 above. [redacted] no guns on these vessels. One LST of about four thousand tons was seen. Her largest armament was a 3" gun. [redacted] also saw a vessel which 25X1

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described as [redacted] capable of holding three large tanks. This vessel mounted only anti-aircraft guns, [redacted] noted uniforms on smallest vessel; officers and crew wore long dark trousers and white shirts.

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12. Merchant Vessels Merchant vessels observed included three Polish motor vessels of 11-12 thousand tons, one Polish tanker of some six thousand tons, [redacted]

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[redacted] the Polish vessels brought in sugar plant machinery, [redacted] and iron. [redacted] did not see any Chinese crew members aboard the Polish ships. [redacted] counted 14 ships in Whampoa Roads and alongside. 11 freighters, one [redacted] and one Polish tanker were at the First Bar, another vessel was at the Second Bar, and two other vessels, en route to Whampoa, were further downstream.

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13. Shore Activities Chamllery is difficult to obtain in subject port; even staples like potatoes and vegetables had to be ordered from Hong Kong, [redacted] visited the International Seaman's Club in Whampoa and [redacted] the club has a bar, restaurant, and motion pictures (twice a week). [redacted] propaganda for the "liberation" of [redacted] is intense both in the motion pictures and in other media available at the club. No tipping is permitted at the club.

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14. Miscellaneous

a. [redacted] The two signal posts immediately upstream from Whampoa would signal to each other fairly frequently, [redacted] estimated there were 50 searchlights. These searchlights apparently drill every night. [redacted] blocks of approximately 10 each would be turned on and off simultaneously, [redacted] these blocks may be operated on the same circuits.

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b. In the suburbs of Canton, [redacted] is an "Education Center" to which all boys over eight years of age are sent, and which [redacted] includes faculties for elementary and secondary schools, college, and even university level [redacted] "engineering to medicine." [redacted] those who flunk are sent to agriculture school. Those who flunk agriculture school are made soldiers. [redacted] the "Center" is about five minutes from the town.

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c. [redacted] the present congestion in Whampoa is probably due to the diversion of shipping from the central coast [redacted] to the north and south ports.

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